

*Application No. 10/092,242*

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0003] The subject matter of the invention disclosed and claimed in this application is particularly suited to employment in conjunction with the optical waveguide transmission device disclosed in copending application 09/616,487 of Henryk Temkin and Rudolf F. Kazarinov, filed January 14, 2000 (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,487, issued December 10, 2002) and assigned to the assignees of the present application. The disclosure of application 09/616,487 is hereby incorporated by reference into this application as if it had been fully set forth herein.